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Grant-in-Aid Code. The Government are however giving an annual recurring block grant of Rs. 10,000 to the Institute from 1953-54."

Retrenchment of Forest Guards

* 931 Q.—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) how many, if any, Forest Guards have been retrenched in 1954 from the Wynaad Division and why; and

(b) the total monthly salary paid to all these retrenched hands together?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Twenty-nine Forest Guards were ordered to be retrenched with effect from 1st December 1954 in the Wynaad Forest Division. The Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund Circle, considered that the staff sanctioned for the division was surplus to requirements. The orders of retrenchment have however been stayed and the matter is under consideration.

" (b) Rs. 1,266-8-0."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" What are the reasons for these Forest Guards being ordered to be retrenched?"

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The obvious reasons are that there was no need for as many as 29 Guards more."

Alleged murder of the brother of one C. M. Kelappan

11-40 a.m. * 932 Q.—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a memorandum, dated 5th November 1954, from one Chathoth Meethal Kelappan of Villiapalli, Badagara, North Malabar, regarding the manner of investigation into the alleged murder of his brother on 28th October 1954 at Ponneri village; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Unfortunately even yesterday some of the Ministers were saying that the memorandum was addressed to the Members of the Assembly and that only a copy of it was sent to the Ministers. But I received only a copy of the memorandum addressed to the Chief Minister. In it, it is stated that the person is said to have committed suicide by hanging from a beam which is 4½ feet high from the floor whereas the

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height of the person is $5\frac{1}{2}$ feet. This fact has been recorded even by the assessors. May I know whether any report has been received with regard to this? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have already said that we have not received any representation. I do not know any details about the case."

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY :—" Now and then questions are put whether the Government have received such and such a memorandum and the Government reply that they have not received it. If a Member says that such a memorandum was sent, is such an assertion by a Member in order? "

MR. SPEAKER :—"The hon. Member only pointed out to the Government that he has received only a copy of the memorandum addressed to the Chief Minister."

Gruel centre for the workers of Aaron Mills

* 933 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation in November 1954, from the workers of Pappinisseri Aaron Mills and the local M.L.A. requesting the continuance of the gruel centre which has been discontinued recently ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The Government have instructed the Collector of Malabar to reopen the gruel centre and to run it for one more month or till the Mill is reopened, whichever is earlier."

Retrenchment in the Civil Supplies Department

* 934 Q.—SRI P. JEEVANANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of employees retrenched from the Civil Supplies Department from May 1954 ;

(*b*) how many of them have been re-employed ; and

(*c*) the proposals of the Government to absorb the rest?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Six hundred and forty-nine persons were discharged from service and three hundred and one persons were reverted to their parent departments from the Civil Supplies Department since May 1954 to the end of November 1954.

" (*b*) One hundred persons have so far been re-employed either in the Civil Supplies Department or in other departments of the Government.